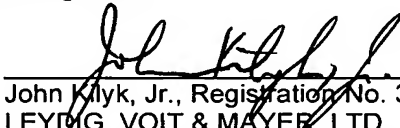


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| | | CLIENT REF. NO. 201445 |
| | | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/564,563 |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/010258 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 13 July 2004 (13.07.2004) | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 16 July 2003 (16.07.2003) |
| TITLE OF INVENTION DEVICE FOR SEPARATION OF BIOLOGICAL COMPONENTS, AND METHOD OF SEPARATION OF BIOLOGICAL COMPONENTS USING THE DEVICE | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <div style="text-align: center;">KUSUMOTO et al.</div> | | |
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